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INTERVIEW OF:

WAYAN OKKRAN

PRESENT:

ROB JONES, NTSB  
LEONARDO ESQUEA, NCL

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. JONES: Okay. This is an interview with  
3 Wayan Okkran. He is a deck steward. And his safety  
4 number is 5-9-5.

5 And my name is Rob Jones like I said. And we  
6 would just like to find out a little information from  
7 you, Wayan, on what happened that morning and if you  
8 could take us through just before you noticed anything,  
9 what you were doing.

10 MR. OKKRAN: Okay.

11 MR. JONES: And in your own words, what  
12 happened and what you noticed first.

13 MR. OKKRAN: -- four o'clock, four o'clock --

14 MR. JONES: Okay.

15 MR. OKKRAN: And at six o'clock, I went down  
16 to Biscayne Deck to work there, about six. Six  
17 thirty, six o'clock -- got a cup of coffee and then  
18 came down -- I go to -- And then I go to work --  
19 number. And suddenly I heard something exploding. And  
20 then after that, like -- don't know, because I run away  
21 to the forward, to the forward and then I -- I heard --  
22 And then I -- And then --

23 MR. JONES: If I could just, I just want to be  
24 clear on where, you were on Biscayne Deck.

25 MR. OKKRAN: C Deck.

1 MR. JONES: C Deck.

2 MR. OKKRAN: C Deck, yeah.

3 MR. JONES: Okay. All right.

4 MR. OKKRAN: In my cabin.

5 MR. JONES: And you were, at about the time it  
6 happened you were knocking on a friend's door.

7 MR. OKKRAN: Yeah, and then --

8 MR. JONES: And what number was that?

9 MR. OKKRAN: C-1080.

10 MR. JONES: One, zero, eight, zero.

11 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

12 MR. JONES: Okay. And then when you heard the  
13 bang you went --

14 MR. OKKRAN: I -- I heard the bang and -- And  
15 then -- I go to the forward and -- to emergency station  
16 and the crew -- I go to come -- to my station.

17 MR. JONES: Okay. So you went to your room.

18 MR. OKKRAN: Yes, I went to my room to pick up  
19 my jacket.

20 MR. JONES: And what room is that?

21 MR. OKKRAN: Ten seventy six.

22 MR. JONES: C Deck?

23 MR. OKKRAN: C Deck, 1076.

24 MR. JONES: Okay. So you heard the captain  
25 come on Bravo.

1 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

2 MR. JONES: And was there anything else you  
3 heard for emergency station?

4 MR. OKKRAN: No, just and then I go to my  
5 station.

6 MR. JONES: Okay. Just, so you said  
7 announcement, not, did you hear the alarm?

8 MR. OKKRAN: -- before alarm to go to  
9 emergency station, and then the alarm, seven shorts.

10 MR. JONES: Okay.

11 MR. OKKRAN: And I go to my station.

12 MR. JONES: And you station is?

13 MR. OKKRAN: My station is Deck 14, from 75.

14 MR. JONES: And did you see any other crew  
15 members heading in a different direction or anything  
16 else going on --

17 MR. OKKRAN: No, no, because all go to --

18 MR. JONES: Okay.

19 MR. OKKRAN: But, they go, they go to forward  
20 and -- Some people stay there, but I --

21 MR. JONES: Okay. At this point we are just  
22 going to take a look at the plans, the drawing.

23 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

24 MR. JONES: I want you to just point this out  
25 to me.

1 (Pause.)

2 MR. JONES: Okay. Here is -- Okay. Show me  
3 where you are, you are pounding out the door at 1080.

4 MR. OKKRAN: This is --

5 MR. JONES: Okay.

6 MR. OKKRAN: I am at this cabin, so I notice  
7 this --

8 MR. JONES: Right.

9 MR. OKKRAN: And --

10 MR. JONES: And where did you see the smoke?

11 MR. OKKRAN: The smoke is in --

12 MR. JONES: Indicating the overhead.

13 MR. OKKRAN: Overhead, yes.

14 MR. JONES: Okay.

15 MR. OKKRAN: I walk lower and then right here.

16 MR. JONES: Okay. And when you went to your  
17 cabin and picked up your life jacket, you said.

18 MR. OKKRAN: Yeah. But, I --

19 MR. JONES: All right.

20 MR. OKKRAN: And then -- and then I go to  
21 emergency station and then I go to my cabin to pick up  
22 my life jacket and then I go to my, my emergency  
23 station is --

24 MR. JONES: It is on the same deck?

25 MR. OKKRAN: No, no, it is front deck.

1 MR. JONES: Okay.

2 MR. OKKRAN: Deck 14.

3 MR. JONES: This is just that one, the one  
4 deck. This won't have it on this drawing.

5 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

6 MR. JONES: Okay. But, you stopped at the  
7 forward end of zone five, and your room is about two  
8 thirds of the way after that. And waited for the next  
9 announcement. And then proceeded back you said to  
10 your room.

11 MR. OKKRAN: Yes, to my room.

12 MR. JONES: And then up to your station.

13 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

14 MR. JONES: So, at any point did you leave the  
15 vessel that morning?

16 MR. OKKRAN: Did I --

17 MR. JONES: At any point did you leave the  
18 vessel that day, that morning?

19 MR. OKKRAN: No. What do you mean?

20 MR. JONES: When you left, at any point after  
21 the alarms were rung, did you go up, did you go off the  
22 ship?

23 MR. OKKRAN: No.

24 MR. JONES: Okay.

25 MR. OKKRAN: I just, I went to emergency

1 station.

2 MR. JONES: And how long did you stay there?

3 MR. OKKRAN: In the emergency station?

4 MR. JONES: Right.

5 MR. OKKRAN: Until close --

6 MR. JONES: Okay.

7 MR. OKKRAN: And then check my safety number

8 and --

9 MR. JONES: And about what time was that?

10 MR. OKKRAN: I don't, after they check our --

11 MR. JONES: Did you go from muster station

12 down to the auditorium?

13 MR. OKKRAN: No, no.

14 MR. JONES: No.

15 MR. OKKRAN: Because -- all these people go

16 to --

17 MR. JONES: Okay.

18 MR. OKKRAN: So we go there, but like --

19 MR. JONES: So you went to your muster

20 station.

21 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

22 MR. JONES: Emergency station and then muster

23 station. And then from the muster station where did

24 you go?

25 MR. OKKRAN: To, to --

1                   MR. JONES: And that was Mr. Wilson, the  
2                   safety manager.

3                   MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

4                   MR. JONES: Dave Wilson.

5                   MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

6                   MR. JONES: At that point he got you from your  
7                   muster station and said, go out on the deck.

8                   MR. OKKRAN: He was like --

9                   MR. JONES: Okay. And what are your duties at  
10                  your emergency station?

11                  MR. OKKRAN: (inaudible)

12                  MR. JONES: Again?

13                  MR. OKKRAN: -- team.

14                  MR. JONES: -- team. Okay.

15                  Do you take a muster at this station? Do you  
16                  write people's names down?

17                  MR. OKKRAN: No.

18                  MR. JONES: Okay.

19                  MR. OKKRAN: -- send them to muster station.

20                  MR. JONES: Okay.

21                  MR. OKKRAN: And make sure they are there.

22                  MR. JONES: You have regular drills onboard  
23                  this vessel?

24                  MR. OKKRAN: Regular --

25                  MR. JONES: Drills.



1 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

2 MR. JONES: Emergency drills.

3 MR. OKKRAN: Sometimes since I was on duty  
4 outside, this week I have -- next week I have -- my  
5 duty.

6 MR. JONES: Do you think these drills have  
7 helped you handle a real emergency last Sunday?

8 MR. OKKRAN: Yes. I think it has helped, yes.  
9 The problem is, -- station leader, station leader is  
10 there, and one of -- like in when we are working --  
11 everybody stand there, but, this is a problem -- for  
12 emergency -- so, there is a problem, we have to do, to  
13 check --

14 MR. JONES: And if someone is missing from  
15 your muster station, is there --

16 MR. OKKRAN: Emergency station.

17 MR. JONES: Emergency station. But, is  
18 someone taking a roll call or a muster?

19 MR. OKKRAN: Not --

20 MR. JONES: Not --

21 MR. OKKRAN: My leader is not --

22 MR. JONES: Okay. Leonardo?

23 MR. ESQUEA: So you went to your emergency  
24 station.

25 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

1 MR. ESQUEA: You didn't go outside the ship.

2 MR. OKKRAN: No.

3 MR. ESQUEA: Okay. While you were going to  
4 your emergency station, did you see crew members in  
5 your way? Did you see crew members --

6 MR. OKKRAN: --

7 MR. ESQUEA: No, when you left to go to your  
8 emergency station, did you see crew members going with  
9 you?

10 MR. OKKRAN: Yes. All of them go to emergency  
11 stations.

12 MR. ESQUEA: Did you see any of the crew  
13 members going any other way?

14 MR. OKKRAN: No, no, I didn't.

15 MR. ESQUEA: Did you see anybody giving order  
16 or instruction to go another way?

17 MR. OKKRAN: No, no. -- go to emergency  
18 station and -- Maybe some do, but I know nothing.

19 MR. ESQUEA: How many of your emergency  
20 station team, how many members?

21 MR. OKKRAN: Two, two members.

22 MR. ESQUEA: You and two more?

23 MR. OKKRAN: Yes.

24 MR. ESQUEA: Or you and one more?

25 MR. OKKRAN: At that time, me and one more.

1 MR. ESQUEA: Okay.

2 MR. OKKRAN: Because we really -- that one is  
3 me and in real emergency --

4 MR. ESQUEA: You were missing --

5 MR. OKKRAN: But, I was going to --

6 MR. ESQUEA: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. JONES: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

8 MR. OKKRAN: Thank you.

9 MR. JONES: You are welcome.

10 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)